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SUBJECT: 56TH ECOSOC - FIRST MEETING OF ECONOMIC COMITE -

P.M. 2 MAY

1. IN BRIEF, CONFUSED, POORLY ATTENDED MEETING CALLED
AT LAST MINUTE, CHAIRMAN OF ECOSOC ECONOMIC COMITE AKHUND
PROPOSED:

A) ADD TWO VICE-CHAIRMAN (ONE FROM SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES AND ONE FROM AFRICAN COUNTRIES) TO COMPLETE
FORMATION OF BUREAU. THIS WAS APPROVED WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

B) ECONOMIC COMITE TAKE UP AGENDA ITEMS BEGINNING A.M.
3 MAY IN ORDER SHOWN PAGE 3 OF E/L 1587 AIMING AT
COMPLETING ITS WORK BY 15 APRIL AT THE LATEST. THIS ALSO
AGREED TO WITHOUT DISCUSSION.

C) ECONOMIC COMITE BE PREPARED AT A.M. 3 MAY MEETING TO:
(1) APPROVE VICE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATES THAT SOCIALIST
BLOC AND AFRICA WILL BY THAT TIME HOPEFULLY HAVE SETTLED
ON;
(2) ADOPT AGENDA;
(3) TAKE UP FIRST SUBSTANTIVE ITEM, NAMELY, POPULATION
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QUESTION.

2. CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THAT WITH REGARD TO SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT AD HOC GROUP TO ASSESS WORK OF ISO, ONE OF VICE CHAIRMAN WILL BEGIN CONSULTATIONS WITH DELEGATIONS (NOT CLEAR YET IN WHAT FORM THIS WILL TAKE).

3. SYG OF WPC AND HIS STAFF WERE PRESENT AND READY HAVE POPULATION QUESTION TAKEN UP AT FIRST MEETING BUT AFTER QUICK CORRIDOR DISCUSSION CHAIR DECIDED DEFER ITEM UNTIL 3 MAY BECAUSE SPECIAL SESSION OF GA STILL ON, POOR ATTENDANCE ETC. IN ONLY STATEMENT OR QUESTION FROM FLOOR, MONGOLIA ASKED WHN AND HOW SPECIAL SESSION GA ITEMS WOULD BE PARCELLED OUT IN ECOSOC. CHAIRMAN SAID THIS QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP AND DECIDED BY ECOSOC PLENARY.

4. FYI: ECOSOC PRESIDENT KARHILO HAS INVITED US DEL TO ATTEND MEETING OF BUREAU ON MAY 3 TO DISCUSS HANDLING OF SPECIAL GA RES'S PASSED TO ECOSOC. IT IS HIGHLY LIKELY THAT PRESSURE WILL BE EXERTED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THESE RES'S, ESPECIALLY THE SRI LANKA/NEW ZEALAND FERTILIZER PROPOSAL AND THE SAUDI PROPOSAL ON MINISTERIAL LEVEL COMMITTEES. ECOSOC BUREAU DELIBERATIONS MAY THEREFORE IMPORTANTLY EFFECT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE SCHEDULE.

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